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FOR: **PHASE LOCKED LOOP INCLUDING CONTROL CIRCUIT
FOR REDUCING LOCK-TIME**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2004, Applicant provisionally elects the claims (i.e., claims 1-8) relating to the species of the first embodiment (i.e., figures 3 and 4) with traverse.

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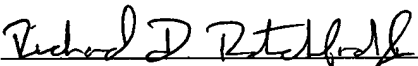
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While the species of the first and second embodiments may be distinct as set forth by the Examiner, Applicant believes that simultaneous examination will not present an undue burden. For example, the claims of the species of the first embodiment are directed to a phase locked loop including, inter alia, a control circuit formed using gate logic, and the claims of the species of the second embodiment are directed to a phase locked loop including, inter alia, a control circuit formed using inverters and flip flops.

Further, restriction of election of species is required if an application contains claims directed to more than a reasonable number of species. See, 37 C.F.R. § 1.146. Here, the Examiner has identified two species. Under such circumstances, the Examiner is encouraged to maintain all claims in the same application. See, MPEP § 803.

Early and favorable consideration of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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